



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Field activities for the week were limited but included harvesting cotton and soybeans, and planting winter crops; wet and damp conditions prevented some fieldwork. Farmers continue making plans for the coming year. Temperatures were mild with scattered precipitation; average temperatures were similar to the previous week, but precipitation amounts decreased. High temperatures were in the upper 60s to 70s, and lows were in the upper 20s to 30s.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/22/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	6	80	14
Subsoil	-	6	87	7

- Represents zero.

### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 11/22/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Barley	-	-	17	71	12
Hay, Alfalfa	-	9	32	56	3
Hay, Other	1	13	36	48	2
Winter wheat	-	1	17	73	9
Pasture	2	18	28	46	6
Livestock	1	6	22	58	13

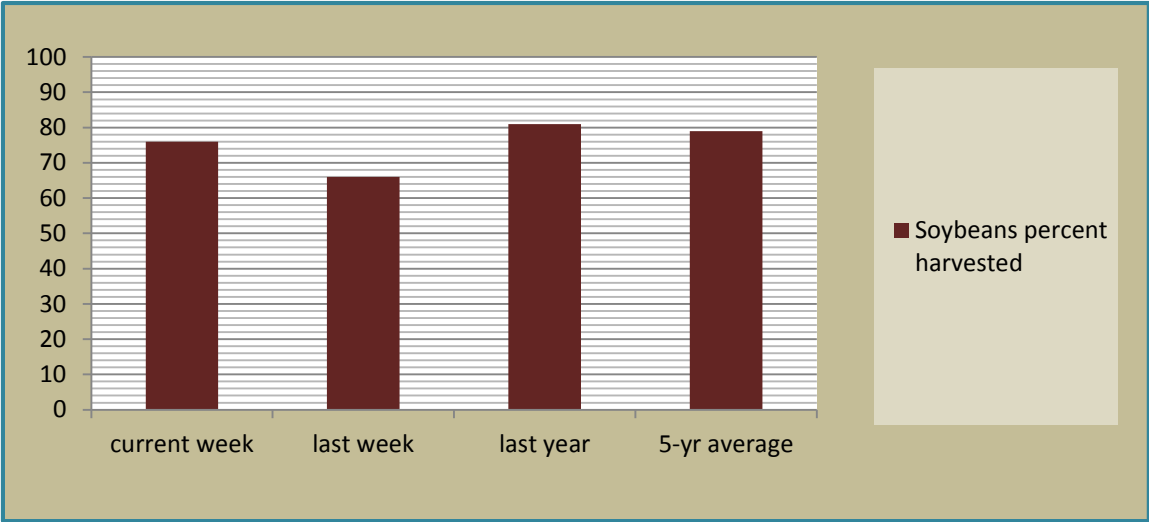
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### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/22/15

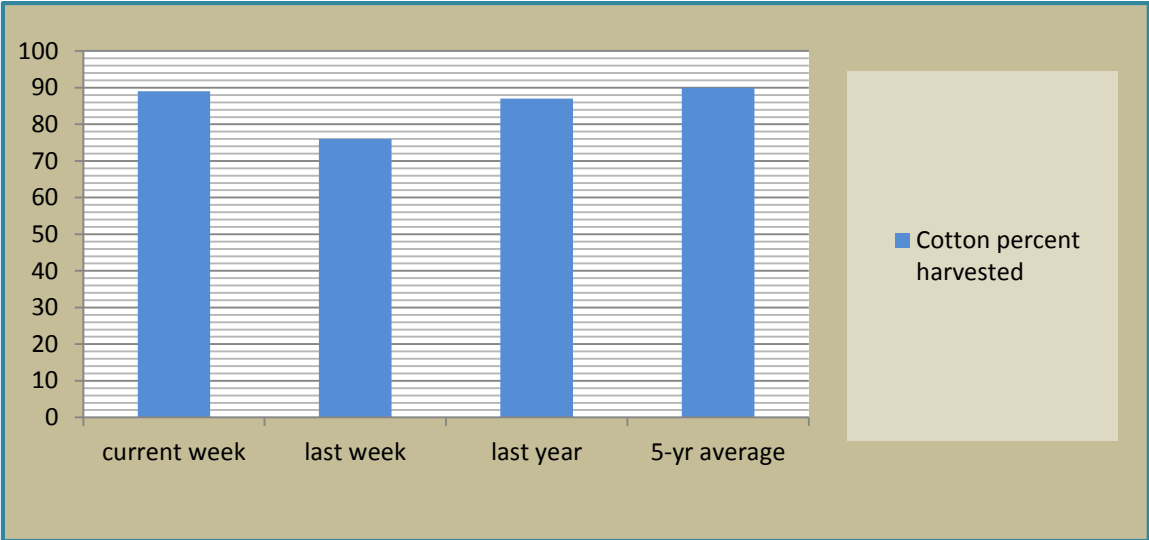
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Cotton harvested	89	76	87	90
Soybeans harvested	76	66	81	79
Winter wheat planted	82	71	86	87

- Represents data not available.

SOYBEANS HARVESTED for week ending 11/22/15



COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 11/22/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending November 22, 2015

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Nov. 21	Mar. 1 to Nov. 21 norm	Last Week	Since Sept. 1	Sept. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	62	38	70	27	50	4	4202	3955	1.22	14.83	5.39	39.57	0.40
Norfolk	66	49	70	39	58	6	5124	4464	0.25	11.76	2.13	44.88	2.94
Richmond	65	41	70	30	53	4	4877	4322	1.04	10.33	0.59	43.03	3.19
Roanoke	61	40	73	28	51	4	4422	NA	1.96	17.84	8.65	49.25	10.78
Wash/Dulles	63	36	68	26	49	4	4239	NA	0.39	7.83	-1.60	35.12	-2.64

\* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

**REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY** – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

ROANOKE (Barbara Leach)

Rains occurred at night.

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)**

Rain Wednesday night in Rockbridge slowed field activities, but harvest work is largely complete and most farmers are current on field work.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

With some dry days recently, we saw some combines busy this week on soybean harvest.

**CHESTERFIELD (Charlotte Maxwell)**

When I drove around last week, a very small amount of soybeans had been harvested. We have gotten some heavy rains in the past two weeks and the fields haven't been drying out.

**EASTERN**

**CHARLES CITY (John Allison)**

Soybean harvest was fast and furious this week before the rain on Thursday. The final acres of small grain planting are held up until soybeans are in.

**ESSEX (Keith Balderson)**

Good progress on soybean harvest continued during the week. Soil sampling and planning for the 2016 crop year continued.

**GLOUCESTER (David Moore)**

Soybean harvest continues. Weather conditions are not cooperating. Folks are making planting decisions for 2016, also soil sampling and liming.

**SOUTHERN**

**FRANKLIN (Cynthia Martel)**

Up and down temperatures in Franklin County has kept farmers from finishing up. It rained for 2 days last week, with heavy rain in some areas. Animal conditions depend on producers feeding habits.

**LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)**

We have gotten a fair amount of rain with fairly warm conditions which have made it nice for pastures, but terrible for soybean harvest. Everyone is just getting into the thick of harvest as temperatures drop. Almost all of the beans have damage. The majority of the wheat is in the ground but there are still beans to harvest, which is causing a delay. Animals look good overall.

**SOUTHEASTERN**

**BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

Last week was cooler and some rain came in midweek and some showers over the weekend. Early in the week, soybeans were harvested and small grains were planted.

**CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Rain this week limited soybean harvest and wheat planting. Warm temperatures continue to enhance growing degree days for fall and winter crops.

**PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)**

Only 2 good harvest days this week with rain showers on Wednesday and Sunday. Wheat planting is almost finished with only a few fields left where soybeans still stand. Double crop soybean quality is much better than the full season crop, but yields are nothing to get excited about. A little bit of late season hay has been cut and baled over the last 10 days.

**SURRY (Glenn Slade)**

Showers last week slowed cotton and soybean harvest. The last of small grains is being seeded, low prices are causing a decline in acres.

**SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)**

More rain has slowed the fall harvest of cotton and soybean. Small grain planting is almost complete and growers have started taking soil samples.